(b) of so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of these channels thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has terminated the teleport licence of M/s. Raj Television Network Ltd. on 19.11.2004 as it had uplinked two TV channels namely "VISSATV" and "RAJ MUSIC" without any permission.

(c) M/s. Raj Television Network Ltd. has informed the Ministry that they have started uplinked of "RAJ TV' and "RAJ DIGITAL PLUS" channels from overseas for the time being. M/s. Raj Television Network Ltd. has filed a petition before Madras High Court challenging this Ministry's order dated 19.11.2004.

FM Radio Stations in Private Sector

1846. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has drawn up an ambitious road map to set up 400 FM radio stations in the private sector throughout the country;

(b) if so, the locations and objectives thereof;

(c) the terms and conditions of the agreement signed between the private parties and Government in this regard; and

(d) the estimated revenue income from these FM radio stations?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) About 400 stations have been identified, which are envisaged to be utilized for expansion of private FM radio in Phase-ll.

(b) The locations for the expansion of FM radio in Phase-ll are yet to be finalized. In the year 1999, the Government had allowed the setting up of private FM radio stations at 40 locations (Phase-I) with the following main objectives; (i) Expansion of FM network; (ii) Radio programmes with superior quality of fidelity and reception and generation of programmes with local content and relevance; (iii) Fillip to broadcasting and encouragement of new talent; (iv) Generation of employment and (v) Generation of revenue for the Government.

(c) and (d) The policy for expansion of private FM radio in Phase-II is yet to be finalized.

Fund for production of films

1847. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the educative films and the films giving the message to fight with the social evils which are funded by Government; and

(b) the number of films for children produced during the last three years and the funds provided by Government for the same?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Films Division under Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has produced 17 educative films and films giving message to fight with social evils during 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 from the budget provided by the Government. Apart from it, 4 films on the said subjects are under production. National Film Development Corporation Ltd., a Public Sector Undertaking under this Ministry, promotes meaningful cinema with social messages and has produced/co-produced/financed a number of talented film makers in films with the message to fight against social evils.

(b) Children's Film Society, India has produced 10 films in 2001-02, 3 films in 2002-03 and 10 films in 2003-04 at a cost of Rs. 218.44 lakhs, Rs. 168.94 lakhs and Rs. 219.03 lakhs respectively from the funds provided by the Government. Apart from it, Films Division has also produced 5 films in 2001-02,3 films in 2002-03 and 3 films in 2003-04 for children from the budget provided by the Government.

Use of photograph in advertisements

1848. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has instructed the various Ministries not to use his photograph while issuing advertisements on behalf of their Ministries; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.